

San Miguel County Open Space Commission (OSC) Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Date: Monday, October 24, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM MST (via Zoom)

Attendance:

OSC Members Present: Laura Kudo, Jason Merritt, Roger Wickham, Angela Dye

OSC Members Absent: Yvette Henson, Sefra Maples, Susie St. Onge

SMC Staff Present: Janet Kask, Deanna Drew

Call to Order: 4:16 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Merritt. A quorum was established.

Approval of 8/22/2022 Meeting Minutes: Dye makes a motion to approve, Kudo seconds, all vote in favor to approve as presented.

Approval of 9/26/2022 Minutes: Kudo makes a motion to approve, Dye seconds, all vote in favor to approve as presented.

Old Business/Other Updates

Staff Updates:

- East End Master Plan Focus Group is meeting 11/7/22 at 4 pm. Kask will circulate Zoom link.
- Regional Recreation Collaborative Meeting is taking place Tuesday 11/15 from 1 – 2:30 pm. This meeting is led by Starr Jamison, SMC Director of Natural Resources and Special Projects and will focus on e-bike policies, enforcement, and trail designations. Kask will circulate agenda and Zoom link.
- Kask is appearing at a CAFI/LxAC meeting on Wednesday 10/26 to learn more about how the POS department can better serve the needs of the Spanish-speaking community.

TOT Crossover Report: Site walk to Bear Creek with FS rep Chris Smith to discuss USFS new signage plans and locations (beginning of Bear Creek Trail and intersection of Wasatch Trail); Discussion of USFS Kiosks in Bear Creek and Jud Wiebe Kiosk; Discussion with Tor Anderson regarding Bear Creek Preserve Trail Kiosk Map and Icons; Adding signs on the Valley Floor to state 'No Firearms, No Hunting and No Crossing VF Property to Access Other Hunting' (signs are up now).

Agenda Items

Work Session, 2023 Work Plan: Members of OSC discussed old and new projects, action items and budgets in the various categories of the 2023 Work Plan including: Land Heritage Program; Payment for Ecosystem Services; Education/Outreach; Mining, Oil and Gas Development; Gunnison Sage Grouse; Planning Department Referrals; Recreational Opportunities and Trails; Town of Telluride Open Space Commission Collaboration; Scenic Resource Protection. 2023 Work Plan will be drafted and presented at the next OSC meeting for further review and approval. Staff will distinguish old from new projects, and note where funds are budgeted in related POS departments.

Next meeting Monday, November 28, 2022 @ 4:00 pm

Meeting adjourned @ 5:52 by Vice Chairperson Merritt with unanimous consent